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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
For: **Racquet Strand Clip**  
Appl. No.: To be assigned  
Filed: November 24, 2003  
Inventor: Craig C. White  
Ref No.: 966650/00001A

Dear Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Non-Provisional Patent Application entitled:

**Racquet Strand Clip**

and naming as inventor:

**Craig C. White**

the application comprising:

- (i) 7 pages of Specification,
  - (ii) 3 pages of claims (Total = 15, Independent = 2),
  - (iii) a one (1) page abstract, and
  - (iv) 2 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1- 2);
2. Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate);



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3. An originally executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Craig C. White;
4. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
5. PTO 1449 (with 8 references);
6. Our Check No. 7-23158 in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the filing fee for patent application (small entity status); and
7. One (1) return post card.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Craig C. White

For: Racquet Strand Clip

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 2 Sheets of informal drawings (figures 1-2).  
☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement  
☒ PTO 1449 (8 references).

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